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Jeffrey D. Musselwhite, §
Jeffry C. Ehlinger, Jerry P. Allamon §
and Jack E. Miller §

Application Serial No.: 09/524,117 §

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For: WELL COMPLETION §
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The undersigned attorney for the Applicants respectfully petitions the Commissioner to grant the subject application a filing date of March 13, 2000. As set forth in the enclosed Affidavit of William E. Johnson, Jr., the attorney for the Applicants filed via express mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.10, the complete application, and including the drawings including Figs. 1-4. A duplicate set of such drawings is enclosed herewith for purposes of comparison. The duplicate set of drawings contains the serial number and filing date of March 13, 2000, for ease of identification by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The Petition Fee of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Petition Fee be refunded in view of the drawings having already been filed in this application on March 13, 2000.

Respectfully Submitted

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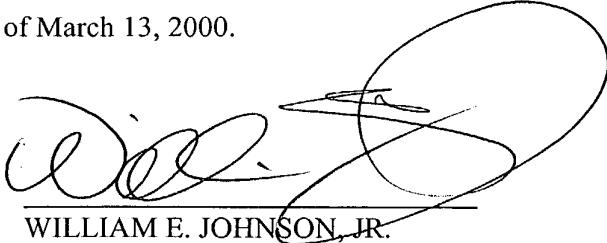
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2. The package of paragraph 1, above, included the drawings for this application having Figs. 1-4, corresponding exactly to the drawings attached hereto as Exhibit B;

3. The transmittal form attached hereto as Exhibit C, specifically its page 2 of 3, shows that two (2) sheets of informal drawings were in fact included in the package identified in paragraph 1 above; and

4. The Applicants thus complied with 35 U.S.C. § 113 in filing its drawings containing Figs. 1-4 and is entitled thereunder to a filing date of March 13, 2000.

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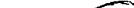


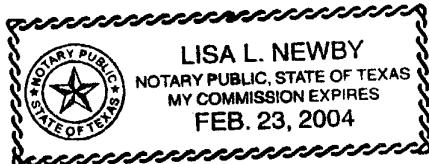
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Before me, a Notary Public, came on this date William E. Johnson, Jr., known by me to be the individual who executed the foregoing document for the purposes set forth therein.

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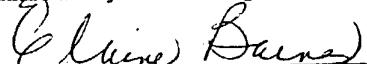
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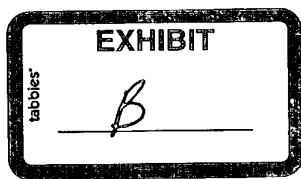
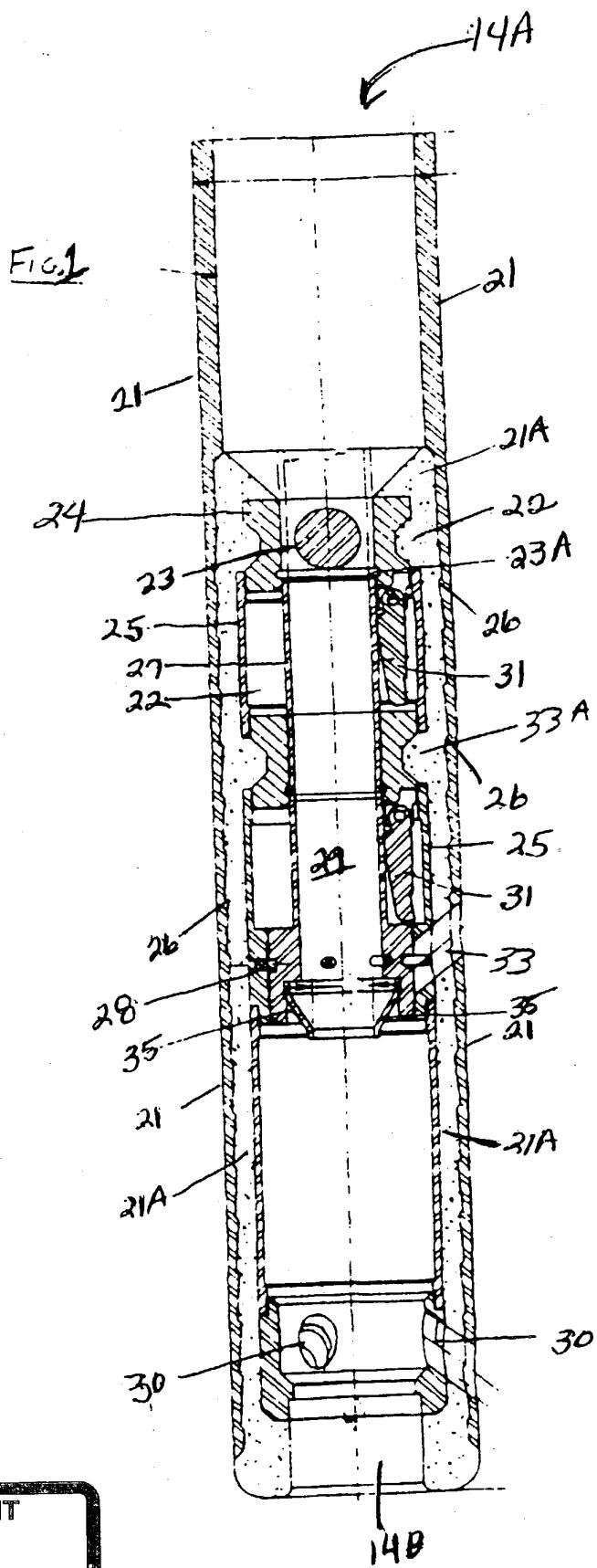
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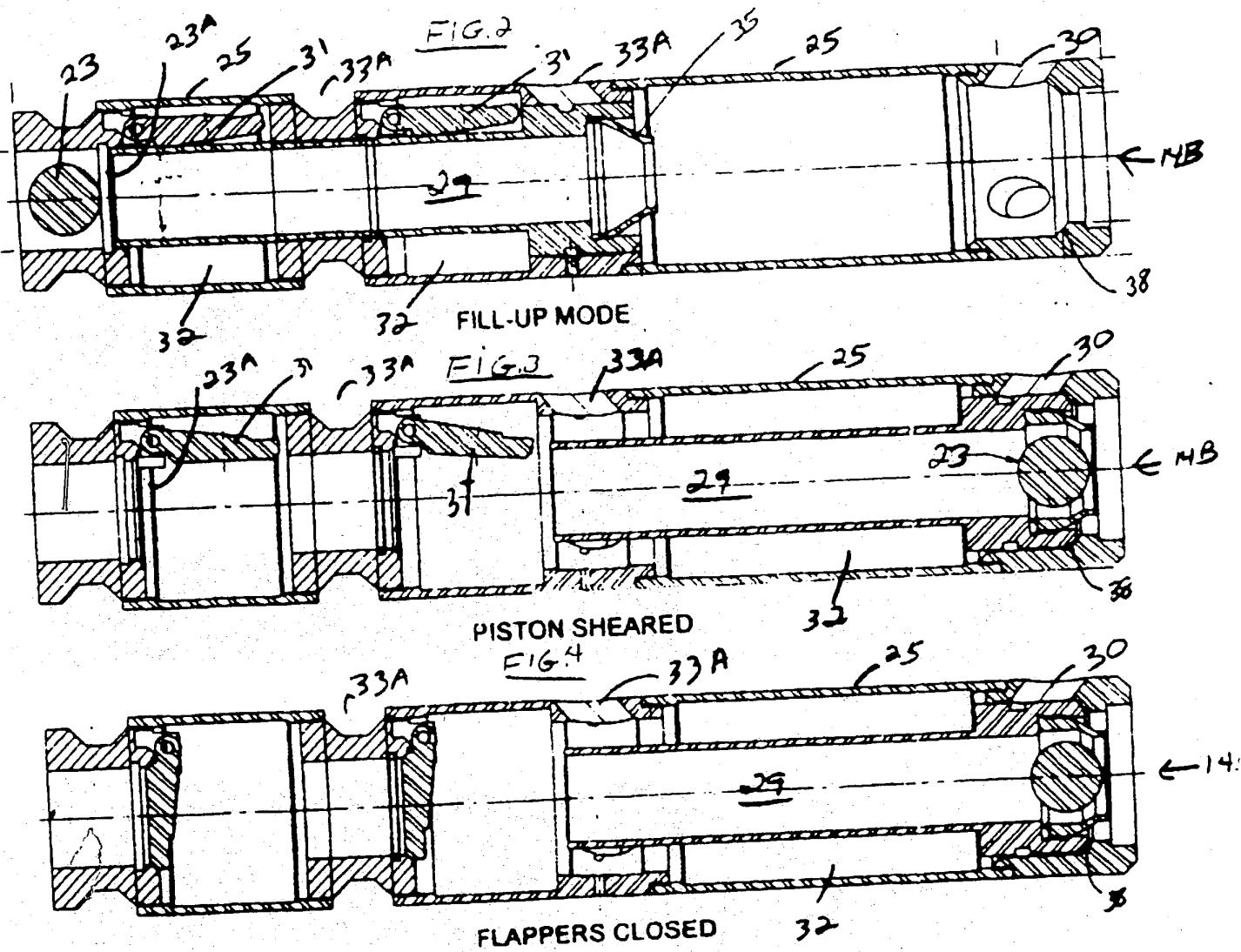
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see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under
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6. Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)

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Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

9. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)

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